

CITY OF MILPITAS  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
May 3, 2006

**I.  
Call to Order  
and Roll Call**

Chair Abelardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Lee, Lind, Luna, Mohsin, Queenan, and Ranker  
Alternates present were Commissioners Choudhury, H. Pham (7:12pm), and Villegas  
Absent: Commissioner Fang

**II.  
Seating of  
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Villegas and Choudhury

**III.  
Pledge of  
Allegiance**

Commissioner Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.  
Approval of  
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin, Ranker

Ayes: 9

**V.  
Approval of  
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 5, 2006.

M/S: Luna, Mohsin

Ayes: 9

**VI.  
Announcements**

Staff announced the resignation of both Commissioners Marie Pham and Oliver Wan.  
Staff stated that they made 1000 more outreach forms.

Commissioner Mohsin stated that he attended the community meeting at Russell Middle School and there were 138 in attendance. The public felt the meeting was poorly managed. Chair Abelardo stated that there were no amounts given on the programs. He also stated the residents were happy that they were able to participate.

Vice-Chair Lee stated that on April 18, 2006, the CAC received a proclamation from the City Council for Arbor Day. Commissioners Reena Choudhury and Heidi Pham attended the tree planting.

Chair Abelardo announced that the Red Cross would be having a workshop on July 22, 2006.

**VII.  
Public Forum**

Chair Abelardo invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

## **VIII.**

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **a. City Council**

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. The Council approved the CDBG recommendations from the CAC with a few modifications on April 18, 2006. The Council included \$5,000 for the Support Network for Battered Women and \$5,000 for Catholic Charities – Shared Housing. The City's Recreation Services – RAP was reduced \$10,000 to fund these two other programs. The Council allocated \$150,000 for Terrace Gardens re-roofing. Quite a few people came to speak on each program.

The City Council had quite a discussion on the outreach meetings on the budget. The five (5) least important programs were the Chamber of Commerce funding, Mobile Home inspections, Updating the City website daily, Public Arts funding, and Adult Sports programs. 19 Citizens spoke that night. The budget hearings will be May 9, 2006.

The Council is moving forward with the new library. They also approved a project labor agreement, which is an agreement between the different unions. On May 11, 2006 at 11:00 am at Rancho Middle School there will be a joint emergency preparedness drill between the City and the MUSD. The Council approved the Chamber of Commerce using the Council Chambers on May 18, 2006 for a forum on sales tax – Measure A at 7 pm. The Council also reviewed the Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan by the Great Mall.

## **IX.**

### **New Business**

#### **a. Neighborhood Watch.**

Sergeant Max Nobida, Milpitas Police Department, gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch program. Milpitas Police Department has been participating in the Neighborhood Watch program since 1994. There have been 110 different programs within the City although the numbers have shortened since that time. It is a way to prevent crime in the City. The benefits are to know your neighbors, watch out for each other, on-going training to protect yourself, learn and observe and report suspicious activity.

The City is in the process of replacing the neighborhood watch signs throughout the City with new ones. One way of getting the word out to the public is via a website called SCAN USA. Scan USA allows local public safety and law enforcement to broadcast emergency information directly to computers, mobile phones, etc. To register, go to [www.scanusa.com](http://www.scanusa.com). Commissioner Queenan asked how to get more people to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. Sergeant Nobida stated that they should start with the Neighborhood Night-Out. This year Neighborhood Night-Out is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2006.

#### **b. Town Hall Meeting Regarding the Charter City Issue.**

Commissioner Queenan asked where and when the Town Hall Meeting would take place. Commissioner Ranker suggested having the meeting in the City Council Chambers along with the Women's League of Voter's forum. Councilmember Polanski stated that the Women's League of Voters Forum would be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. She suggested the CAC have the meeting in conjunction with their meeting and maybe having the Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. or 8 p.m. Commissioner Queenan felt that it would be a good idea to have the meeting at the same time. Staff stated that the CAC should check with the

Chamber of Commerce first to see if they want to have the meeting in conjunction with their meeting. Staff will then check with the City Clerk to reserve the room. Commissioner Lind stated setting up this meeting for Vice-Mayor to educate the community on Charter City. Set up meeting as pro and con debate. Chair Abelardo suggested having a subcommittee to coordinate this meeting. The subcommittee consists of Commissioners Queenan, Heidi Pham, Lind, and Chair Abelardo.

**c. Heritage Tree Nominations.**

Chair Abelardo asked the Commission if there were any nominations for heritage trees or heritage tree groves. There were no nominations.

**d. Upcoming Work Plan Tasks.**

Staff stated that this is a reminder of upcoming tasks such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and National Night-Out in August.

Commissioner Queenan asked if Gloria Anaya could be present at the June meeting to give an update on areas of concern within the City.

MOTION to have Gloria Anaya present at the June meeting to give an update on possible opportunity areas within the City that the CAC could focus on.

M/S: Queenan/Mohsin

Ayes: 9

**e. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.**

Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)

Commissioner Lind stated that she distributed flyers to the Sister City meeting. Staff stated that there were 37 responses and distributed the responses to the Council for review. Commissioner Queenan asked how would the citizens know that the City received their responses. Staff stated that staff was not directed to contact the individuals; it would probably be time-consuming and involve hours which would have budgetary consequences if staff would write responses. Commissioner Queenan feels there should be a letter sent back to the citizens to knowledge the City received their response. Staff stated the CAC should draft a letter to send back to citizens who wrote in responses. Commissioner Queenan volunteered to prepare a draft response letter for the June CAC meeting. Councilmember Polanski stated that she mentioned to the Council that the CAC was looking at this and if they saw a trend for areas that they might want to take on as part of their work plan. Commissioner Mohsin feels that responses should be summarized on a spreadsheet that would be forwarded to Council. Commissioner Lee stated he would develop the spreadsheet.

**X.  
Adjournment**

Chair Abelardo adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the June 7, 2006 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary